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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS, US

SUBJECT: TRANSITIONAL QUARTER FUNDING FOR ISRAEL.

- 1. UPI TODAY RAN STORY QUOTING WESTERN DIPLOMAT (WHO REFUSED TO BE IDENTIFIED) AS SAYING AT BRIEFING OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AT A MAJOR WESTERN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV THAT IN REGARD TO ADMINISTRATION OPPOSITION TO TRANSITIONAL QUARTER FUNDING, "I FRANKLY THINK THAT WHEN THE ISRAELIS OR ANYONE ELSE GOES BEHIND OUR BACKS AND PUTS PRESSURE ON CONGRESS, THAT IS WHAT I CALL DIRTY POOL." UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAELI TELEVISION HAS IDENTIFIED YOU AS SOURCE.
- 2. AT NOON BRIEFING TODAY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD FOLLOWING EXCHANGE ON SUBJECT.
- Q THERE IS A REPORT ON THE WIRE TODAY THAT QUOTES A SENIOR AMERICAN DIPLOMAT -- A SENIOR WESTERN DIPLOMAT -- IN ISRAEL AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL HAS GONE BEHIND THE ADMINISTRATION'S BACK IN SEEKING INCREASED AID. DO YOU CONFIDENTIAL

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KNOW IF THAT WAS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR? AND IF IT WAS,

## WAS HE SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTION?

A I DO NOT KNOW. I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT AND I AM NOT AWARE OF IT. I DID NOT SEE THAT REPORT.

Q IS IT THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW THAT ISRAEL HAS GONE BEHIND THE ADMINISTRATION'S BACK IN SEEKING INCREASED AID?

- A I DO NOT THINK IT IS, NO, QUITE OBVIOUSLY.
- Q HOW WAS THAT?
- A I SAID IT IS QUITE OBVIOUSLY NOT OUR VIEW.
- 3. PLEASE SEND FULL BACKGROUND BY OPENING OF BUSINESS OUR TIME TOMORROW. SISCO

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